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Hi Larry:

Your name came to me as someone with expertise in fish ecology and the San Joaquin River, and as somebody with good thinking and writing skills.

The workshop will almost certainly be high-profile, and, depending on the outcome, could greatly inform questions surrounding flows, low salinity habitat, and protections for desirable fishes. You might have heard of the series of workshops that was staged in the early '90s that set the stage for the original "X2" salinity standard (see report and journal article below that summarized the findings of the workshops). This workshop will be different in many aspects, but it will result in a written report that characterizes changes in biological indicators as the low salinity zone moves between Suisun Bay and the Western Delta. These scientific findings will be offered to SWRCB as they commence their hearings on outflow standards for the Delta and the SJR.

Please do consider participating.

Please let me know if you'd like my management team to talk to yours.

Best Regards, Tim

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Tim,

I am always curious about how I get named to things like this. Can You enlighten me? Its not a big deal, I am just curious.

What is the expected outcome of this meeting? Is this just for the information of the folks that will be in the room or will there be some sort of written report or something. I just need to know if this is a relatively high profile exercise, in which case I would give my management a heads up.

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Dear old friends and prospective colleagues:

You've been identified as an expert on matters surrounding estuarine habitat for the Bay Delta Estuary, and you're cordially invited to participate in an all-day technical workshop on 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) in downtown Sacramento.

EPA is convening the workshop in partnership with the Aquatic Science Center (ASC), and the goal is to characterize how ecological processes and biological indicators change in response to different locations of the low salinity zone (LSZ) in the Estuary. At the workshop, a technical facilitator will engage ~20 scientists with expertise in estuarine ecology, fisheries, hydrodynamics, modeling, and water resource management.

Please respond to this invitation by 20 January 2012 (Friday) regarding your availability.

If you cannot participate, your seat will not be held for any substitute attendee. While space is at a premium, we will seek to accommodate non-participating observers.

We are sorry that due to severe budget constraints, EPA and ASC cannot compensate you for your time, travel, and lodging.

As you may know, the State Water Resources Control Board will soon initiate the update of Delta flow objectives in its Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. This presents the scientific community with an important opportunity to inform the Board's regulatory decisions about estuarine habitat standards. As a product of the workshop, the vast amount of scientific research done since 1995 that pertains to the LSZ and estuarine habitat will be reviewed, evaluated, and synthesized into a format that will be useful to the Board.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.
Thanks so much, Tim

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